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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, PDIP, LE, YE

SUBJ: YEMENI AMBASSADOR'S INTENTION TO CLOSE EMBASSY IN BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 5162

1. BEIRUT PRESS MORN APRIL 24 REPORTS DECISION ATTRIBUTED TO YAR COMMAND COUNCIL TO CLOSE YAR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT UNTIL LEBANESE AUTHORITIES BRING TO JUSTICE ASSASSINS OF THREE YEMENI PERSONALITIES (MOHAMMED AHMED NU'MAN, MOHAMMED SHAIBI AND ABDUL AZIA HARAWI) KILLED IN LEBANON OVER LAST TWO YEARS. PAPERS ALSO STATE THAT YAR AMB. HERE, MOHAMMED ABDUL QUDUS AL WAZIR, WAS RECEIVED EVEINING APRIL 23 BY PRIMIN SOLH AND QUOTE AMB. AS SAYING THAT YARG REGRETS "THAT LEBANESE SOIL HAS BECOME A PLACE FOR LIQUIDATION OF YEMENI POLITICAL PERSONALITIES."

2. COMMENT: DESPITE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSURE, YAR EMBASSY STILL FUNCTIONING THIS MORN. YAR EMB-
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OFF INFORMED US THAT AMBASSADOR WILL PROCEED TO

SANA TODAY (APR 24) TO CONSULT WITH YARG AND WILL CARRY RECOMMENDATION THAT EMBASSY HERE BE CLOSED FOR TIME BEING. HE SAID EMBASSY WAS TIRED OF HAVING YEMINIS HERE BUMPED OFF AND WERE CONVINCED THAT ASSASSINS HAD NO RPT NO RELATIONSHIP TO INTERNAL YAR POLITICS BUT WERE RATHER HOME-GROWN (I.E., LEBANESE) ELEMENTS. ATTEMPT AGAINST LIFE OF ROVING AMB. SHAMI (REFTEL), WHO EMBOFF TELLS US IS IMPROVING AT AUB HOSPITAL, PROVED LAST STRAW FOR EMBASSY. IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER YAR EMBASSY STAFF, WHICH INCLUDES SIX DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM BEIRUT OR WILL SIMPLY REcede INTO WOODWORK.

3. GOL HAS NOT RPT NOT ISSUED ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT ON PROJECTED YAR MOVE.
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